

Minutes
(Draft)
Mineral Extraction Advisory Committee
January 14, 2004
Waukesha County Administration Center, Room 255/259

Those in attendance included the following:

Committee members: Vytautas Janusonis
Ed Troxell
Jim Dawson
Nick Flemma
Mike Schober
Norm Hanson
Dave Swan
Joe Soltis
Tim Kraut (for Elaine Kraut)

County Staff: Perry Lindquist
Jim Rose
Mark Jenks

Guests: Ed Reesman
Barbara Killey
Clint Wenninger
Tom Halquist

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM by Chairperson Janusonis. Minutes from the May 24, 2001 meeting were reviewed and approved. Minutes from the October 29, 2003 meeting were reviewed and approved with a note that the MEAC meeting scheduled for December 10, 2003 be changed to today's date.

Smart Growth Planning In Waukesha County

Dale Shaver, Director of the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use gave a presentation to the group on the "Smart Growth" law and its impact on land use planning in Waukesha County. This law requires local units of government involved with land use planning to have a comprehensive plan developed by the year 2010.

Waukesha County has initiated a local Smart Growth planning effort which involves the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and 24 local municipalities. Thru a cooperative agreement these separate entities will work towards an updated county development plan that addresses the requirements of the Smart Growth statute and seeks to resolve issues that may arise from separate land use planning efforts at

the local level. Each group represented at the planning table will be providing different information that will be incorporated into the final product.

The initial meeting for the advisory group will take place in February of 2004. It is anticipated that the entire process will take approximately 2-3 years. The larger advisory committee will be split up into multiple subcommittees with different tasks to complete. Dale suggested that MEAC would be in a position to provide information to the Natural Resources Subcommittee. Specifically this group could identify where future mining operations may be located based on current holdings or registered sites. Once identified, appropriate buffering standards could be applied to local zoning decisions to hopefully prevent land use conflicts in the future.

Although some concern was expressed about state control of local land use issues and local zoning decisions having the potential to negatively impact extractive land use, it was felt that MEAC should play a key role in the Smart Growth planning effort. It was also noted that extractive land use is generally an "interim" land use, and while mining operations may last many years, there is eventually a time when operations cease and another land use takes its place. These should be noted as well. Dale concluded by saying that this is to be a plan for development in Waukesha County and not the "County Development Plan."

Review of Organizational Guidelines

Next the group discussed proposed revisions to its organizational guidelines. As discussed at the previous meeting, in order to remain relevant it was decided to set a more regular schedule for meetings throughout the year. The group decided upon quarterly meetings to be held the second Wednesday of the appropriate month. Meetings will continue to begin at 7:30 a.m. and will end at 9:00 a.m.. It was also decided to eliminate the reference in the guidelines to standing subcommittees. Instead, subcommittees will be ad hoc in nature and formed when necessary.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next MEAC meeting will be April 14, 2004.